Dear members of the education committee:

Please oppose Bill 1105. I am a family member of a 3 year old with autism. It is imperative that professionals working with our children have the training and credentials to provide Applied Behavioral Analysis. ABA is a proven treatment to help individuals with autism when delivered by competent trained professionals. Speech therapists and special education teachers are helpful in educating our children but do not have the training or expertise to design and implement ABA programming, this needs to be delivered by BCBA's.

Please oppose bill 1105. Our children need your support.

Thank you Carolyn Joseph Mainardi

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